



# Texas Chiropractic Board Report

## Biennial License Renewal

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Issue One

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Licensing updates are always on our mind at the TBCE, but have been front and center this month as we implemented two-year (2) biennial renewals March 1, 2018, for all licensees eligible to renew for the 2018-2020 renewal period.

The biennial renewal fee, if received on or before your expiration date, is \$300. This change was part of Senate Bill 304, the agency's Sunset Bill passed during last year's legislative session.

As part of our upgrades to the renewal system, licensees are now able to print a certificate of their license upon conclusion of the online renewal. With the addition of this feature, the agency will no longer be mailing a certificate. If you require a professionally printed copy, you can submit that request with a \$10 processing fee through the online renewal portal.

Moving forward, the 16-hour requirement of approved continuing education, including all mandatory board hours, must be met at the time of your FIRST biennial renewal.

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## Biennial License Renewal

Upon renewal in 2020, all licensees must complete a full 32 hours of continuing education (16 hours per year).

As previously announced, those DCs who were first licensed before September 1, 2004, must complete a statutory background check requirement within 90 days after their most recent license expiration date. This requirement will only need to be completed one time. This requirement began September 1, 2017, so any licensees whose next renewal is due on or after that date must complete the background check before their license lapses.

Click on the following links for instructions regarding [in-state](#) or [out-of-state](#) applicants. Payment of a \$37.00 fee is required to process the background check.

Texas licensees can make an appointment to have fingerprints scanned at

<https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/11G613>.

Out-of-state licensees will need to contact [licensing@tbce.state.tx.us](mailto:licensing@tbce.state.tx.us) to obtain a hard card and proceed with enrollment through Identogo by MorphoTrust USA.

A CHL or background check from another state agency CANNOT be used to meet this requirement. This is due to a prohibition against sharing confidential information between agencies. Licensees will need to be fingerprinted under the TBCE's unique ORI number (11G613). The statutory requirement for criminal background checks can be found in the Texas Chiropractic Act, Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, §201.313.

## TBCE Board Meeting Schedule



### TBCE Board Meetings

Hobby Building, Tower 2, Room 225

- May 17, 2018 (9:00 am)
- August 16, 2018 (9:00 am)
- November 15, 2018 (9:00 am)

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## Meet the New Executive Director



Patrick Fortner is the new Executive Director of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners. He has 15 years' experience in Texas state government, including more than five years at a regulatory agency as director of communications and legislative affairs, as well as acting executive director.

Twelve years of Fortner's state government experience includes working with the Legislature, including coordination with the Sunset Commission, Legislative Budget Board, House Appropriations and the subcommittee on Article VIII, House General Investigations & Ethics, Senate Business & Commerce, Senate Finance and Senate State Affairs.

Additionally, his state government experience includes strategic communications for two state agencies and a state senator. Before entering state government, he was in media for nine years.

Fortner and his wife have two sons, and enjoy living in the Texas Hill Country.

### Agency Licensing & Registration Summary through February 28, 2018

Number of Chiropractic Doctors	
Active License	5,809
CE-Conditional License	61
Expired License	164
Inactive License	685
Non-Renewable License*	2,736
Probated License	14
Suspended License	2

Number of Radiologic Technologists	
Active Registration	61
Expired Registration	16

### Compliance & Investigations December 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018

Complaints Open	
Complaints Received YTD	45
Complaints Closed	73
Average Days to Close Complaints	157
Closed with Orders	11

Top 3 Closed Complaints by Violation Type	
Lack of Diligence	11
Criminal Conviction	11
Over treating/Over charging	9



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## Attention New Licensees

**Your first renewal cycle is pro-rated** and is usually not a full twelve months, so completion of your Continuing Education (CE) requirements is not required until after your first license renewal.

**When you renew your license for the second time**, you should have completed sixteen (16) hours of approved CE, including the four (4) hours in Board-required topics and the one-time, eight (8) required hours for Medicare.



## Board Disciplinary Actions Taken

**Guang Chen**, Lic. No. N/A, San Gabriel, CA  
Take and pass the SPEC exam and Jurisprudence Assessment to be granted a license under a four (4) year probated suspension for past criminal convictions.

**Thomas Roy Clark**, DC, Lic. No. 6532, Amarillo  
Revocation due to felony conviction for fraud.

**Joel Snow Davis**, DC, Lic. No. 10283, Wylie  
Pay \$2,000 for Sexual Misconduct.

**Livinus Ezikeuzor**, Facility No. F006103, Houston  
Cease and Desist Order for advertising his services with "Dr." or "DC" attached to his name.

**Bradley Allen Hall**, DC, Lic. No. 12049, Frisco  
Revocation for fraud.

**Cara L. Hall**, DC, Lic. No. 9797, Lewisville  
Pay \$1,000 fine and have an onsite audit and billing training for entire staff for improper billing practices.

**Christopher Jones**, DC, Lic. No. 12669, Tyler  
Pass the Jurisprudence Exam and remove references from website and printed materials that advertise services outside the scope of practice.

**David L. Kingcaid**, DC, Lic. No. 7018, Houston  
Differentiate his chiropractic practice from any other businesses that are outside the scope of chiropractic practice, remove any references of other businesses from his chiropractic website and provide statement in any advertisements referencing "Pastoral Medicine Association" (PMA), that PMA is not a state-regulated entity.

**Marios Michael**, DC, Lic. No. 13741, Pasadena CA,  
Pass the Jurisprudence Exam and be granted a license under probation suspension until 10/02/2021 for past criminal convictions.

**Michael Quadlander**, DC, Lic. No. 4846, New Braunfels  
Pay \$1,000 fine, take and pass the Jurisprudence Exam and show proof of requested patient records delivered.

**Robert T. Tanella**, DC, Lic. No. 4034  
Revocation for failure to comply with previous Board Order.

**Terrence Tubio**, DC, Lic. No. 13673, Houston  
Take and pass the Jurisprudence Exam and be granted a license under a three (3) year probated suspension.

## President's Message

### Quality

The word quality as a noun may be used in a variety of contexts, such as to describe a person's peculiar or essential character, or an inherent feature of something. In the marketing of products or services, we use the word to indicate a degree of excellence and perhaps to imply superiority in kind. In business, the International Organization for Standardization defines quality as "the totality of features and characteristics of a product or service that bears its ability to satisfy stated or implied needs." If a manufacturing company finds a defect in one of its products and announces a recall, sales and production will tend to decrease because trust will be lost. This is a much simpler concept than we find in the book, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, wherein Phaedrus invests years of study to understand why dividing the world into subjective and objective spheres does not appropriately encompass human experience, so he places those realms in subordination to a new concept which he terms "Quality," but I digress.

The Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners is responsible for enforcing standards of practice, so I feel compelled to promote quality of service as a means of elevating the profession to meeting and exceeding these standards. Every chiropractor likes to think that he or she has a commitment to quality.

If that commitment were truly effective, of course, no patient encounter would ever disappoint, and no service would ever result in a complaint. How can one improve quality? Here are three steps you can take to put you on the right path. One, make a commitment. Maintain "constancy of purpose" and reinforce this concept regularly so that you and your staff will never trade quality for short-term profits. Two, track mistakes. Define exactly what "quality" is in your practice and implement a system to gauge achievement such as with patient satisfaction questionnaires. Three, invest in training. Take personal responsibility for training your staff so that they can become good stewards of your practice and meet your quality goals.



I recommend that you commit at least ten minutes of every weekly staff meeting to discuss standards of practice as outlined in the Board Rules. Start with Chapter 77 and then work through Chapter 78. Spend plenty of time discussing each individual rule. Remember that to achieve a reputation of quality, each staff member first must be aware and fully understand the standards which serve as the foundation of your practice.

Mark R. Bronson, D.C., F.A.C.O.



## TBCE Welcomes New DC Licensees

Issued December 2017 through February 2018

Tyneshia Lamptey, D.C.  
Nathan Gomez, D.C.  
Emeka Aludogbu, D.C.  
Motahar Qaadri, D.C.  
Rosalie Meuleman, D.C.  
Jayson Morton, D.C.  
Kenneth Reckelhoff, D.C.  
Michael Garner, D.C.  
Dennis Borja, D.C.  
Michael Lichtman, D.C.  
Jessica Duckett, D.C.  
Terrence Tubio, D.C.  
Chelsea Gillam, D.C.  
Janet Rail, D.C.  
Chelsea Serrano, D.C.  
Krystle Moreland, D.C.  
Arthur Benitez, D.C.  
Michael Moss, D.C.  
Steven Burr, D.C.  
Lindsay Robinson, D.C.  
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Karley King, D.C.  
Zane Benson, D.C.  
Ashley Escamilla, D.C.  
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Lauren Do, D.C.  
Vinh Nguyen, D.C.  
Brett Gschwend, D.C.  
Joseph Dudrow, D.C.  
Matthew Otteman, D.C.  
Justin Chernivec, D.C.  
Kadee Miles, D.C.  
Simi Joseph, D.C.  
Zhi Lin, D.C.

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Jerry Stokes, D.C.  
Chase Pease, D.C.  
Marcus Waller, D.C.  
Ashley Franklin, D.C.  
Aaron Dushkin, D.C.  
Caleb Kokenes, D.C.  
Jazmyn Smith, D.C.  
Dustin Hendrix, D.C.  
Jason Barker, D.C.  
Samantha Ramos, D.C.  
Melody Jenkins, D.C.  
Jairo Rojas, D.C.  
Kendall Ahrens, D.C.  
Norquitta Haynes, D.C.  
Joshua Skaggs, D.C.  
Steven Peters, D.C.  
Mahla Mohsenzadeh, D.C.  
Kimberlee Barnhart, D.C.  
Tanie Johnson, D.C.  
Benjamin Davis, D.C.  
Martha Manzanarez, D.C.  
Carlson Thwing, D.C.  
Elizabeth Boyd, D.C.  
Mary Beth Annas, D.C.  
Nickesh Mistry, D.C.  
David Farley, D.C.  
Megan Jourdan, D.C.  
Chad Pearson, D.C.  
Christopher Abney, D.C.  
Raquel Lopez, D.C.  
Lauren Sullivan, D.C.  
Grant Smith, D.C.  
Mustafa Idris, D.C.  
Nickolas Parton, D.C.  
Gerald Robertson, D.C.  
William Fridley, D.C.

Jaeson Fournier, D.C.  
Sid Moreno, D.C.  
Marios Michael, D.C.  
Deanna Allegar, D.C.  
Patricia Richart, D.C.  
Anissa Galvan, D.C.  
Manh Tran, D.C.  
Issiah Sullivan, D.C.  
Marina Leonova, D.C.  
Jared Nelson, D.C.  
April Adams, D.C.  
Mark Charrette, D.C.  
Erica Rabinowitz, D.C.  
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Mason Eiland, D.C.  
Joseph Ruane, D.C.  
Amanda Glass, D.C.  
Melissa Young, D.C.  
John Grounds, D.C.  
Hans Mohrbeck, D.C.  
Kevin Herman, D.C.

### Reinstatements:

Patrick Kelly, D.C.  
Timothy Williams, D.C.



## Summary of Actions

A regular quarterly meeting of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners (TBCE) was held February 15, 2018, in Austin. The following is a summary of Board actions taken during this meeting.

### **The Board voted to adopt amendments to the following rules:**

**Rule 72.8** - The rule regarding an examinee's "failure to appear for examination" was repealed to reflect the Board's updated online testing system, wherein examinees do not appear at a physical location.

**Rule 77.2** - The adopted amendment reflects the implementation of 2017 Sunset legislation, SB 304, which dissolves the statutory requirement to register chiropractic facilities.

**Rule 77.3** - The adopted amendment reflects changes requested by the Texas Chiropractic Association ("TCA") to clarify a patient's right to obtain a receipt for services on the date services were rendered.

**Rule 77.6** - The adopted amendment reflects the implementation of 2017 Sunset legislation, SB 304, which dissolves the statutory requirement to register chiropractic facilities.

**Rule 77.7** - The adopted amendment reflects the implementation of 2017 Sunset legislation, SB 304, which dissolves the statutory requirement to register chiropractic facilities.

**Rule 77.8** - The adopted amendment reflects changes requested by the Texas Chiropractic Association ("TCA") to provide clarity regarding the notes that are required in patient treatment records, depending on whether for initial or subsequent visits.

**Rule 78.6** - The adopted amendment reflects the implementation of 2017 Sunset legislation, SB 304, which dissolves the statutory requirement to register chiropractic facilities.

**Rule 78.12** - The adopted amendment revises the Board's Expert Review Process (and reflects SB 304 statutory change dissolving the requirement to establish a Peer Review Committee).

### **The Board voted to propose amendments to the following rules, which will be posted at the Texas Register on or before April 13, 2018, for a 30-day comment period:**

**Rule 78.3** - The proposed amendment will conform the rule to Sunset legislation, SB 304, which dissolved the Board's statutory authority to register chiropractic facilities.

**Rule 78.5** - The proposed amendment will conform the rule to Sunset legislation, SB 304, which dissolved the Board's statutory authority to register chiropractic facilities.

**Rule 78.7** - The proposed amendment will conform the rule to Sunset legislation, SB 304, which dissolved the Board's statutory authority to register chiropractic facilities.

**Rule 78.8** - The proposed amendment will conform the rule to Sunset legislation, SB 304, which dissolved the Board's statutory authority to register chiropractic facilities.

All proposed and adopted rules are submitted for publication in the [Texas Register](#) after each quarterly Board meeting.

We encourage all licensees to monitor proposed rules published in the Texas Register and to provide comments. Comments must be in writing and sent to TBCE at [rules@tbce.texas.gov](mailto:rules@tbce.texas.gov) within the time period specified.

Current and past issues of the Texas Register are available online at:  
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

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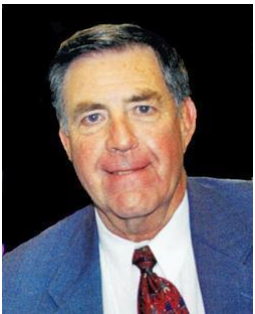
## Texas Chiropractic Board Report Memorials



**Dr. Billy Mark Hammonds**, passed away on January 15, 2018. He attended Life University and graduated on December 1, 1985. He practiced chiropractic for almost 32 years, licensed both in Florida and Texas. Recently, he had attained lieutenant status in the Texas State Guard. A celebration of life was held on January 21, 2018. Later this summer, an additional memorial service will be held. The location and date are to be determined.



**Dr. Elizabeth E. Thomas**, passed away on December 9, 2017 in Houston, TX. She graduated from Texas Chiropractic College on December 15, 2000 and ran Regional Chiropractic Care Center and By the Bay Chiropractic, where her loyal patients and staff referred to her as "Dr. Beth." A memorial service was held at First Baptist Church of Rockport on December 30, 2017.



**Dr. Perry L. Morren**, passed away Sunday, June 25, 2017. Dr. Morren graduated from Texas Chiropractic College on February 20, 1963. He opened his chiropractic office in Childress and continued to practice until shortly before his passing. A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 1, 2017 at the Childress Church of Christ.



**Dr. Sharn Alexander DeWet**, passed away on February 21, 2018. Dr. DeWet graduated from Parker University on April 25, 2014 and practiced in Tyler. Services are pending with Chandler Memorial Funeral Home.



**Dr. Mark Flanagan**, passed away on February 23, 2018. Dr. Flanagan graduated from Texas Chiropractic College on January 1, 1988. A celebration of life will be held on March 3, 2018 at the Belmont Social Club.



**Dr. Mary Pinney**, passed away on March 11, 2018. Dr. Pinney graduated from Texas Chiropractic College on December 15, 2001. Dr. Pinney started the charity "Project Blue" to help officers suffering from injuries or illnesses outside the line of duty. Funeral services are pending at the time of publication.

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